

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 6 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 30-34, 36-50 are allowable over the art of record.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled claims 6 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, remaining claims 1-5, 7-16, 30-34 and 36-50 are currently pending for consideration.

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 6 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have canceled claims 6 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been rendered moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that withdrawn claims 8, 15, 16, 37, 44, 45, 46 are also in condition for allowance, as noted by the April 15, 2005 Office Action, because of their dependence upon one of allowed generic claims 1 and 30.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining pending claims 1-5, 7-16, 30-34 and 36-50 in this application are now in prima facie condition for allowance in light of the indication of the same in the April 15, 2005 Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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